Saskmilk Newsletter
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DFC's New Masterbrand Campaign

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Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) rolled out its new Masterbrand campaign on January 16. In the first year, the campaign will aim to educate Canadian consumers on the fact that Canadian quality milk is the key ingredient found in the cheese, ice cream, yogurt and butter that they enjoy daily. Additionally, the campaign will showcase the "Quality Milk" certification mark of origin for 100% Canadian milk and Canadian dairy products, a logo meant to heighten consumer awareness of both Canadian dairy farmers and Canadian quality milk. This is part of DFC's new brand conviction, which will bring most of DFC's numerous programs under one umbrella.

The inspiration behind the Masterbrand campaign comes from the well-known expression: "Crying over spilled milk." In an effort to include products crafted with Canadian quality milk such as ice cream, cheese and butter, DFC expanded the idiom's scope by suggesting that Canadians embrace a reality which is based on a new premise: If it's made with Canadian milk, it is worth crying over.

Designed to reach all Canadians, DFC's campaign will be ensuring a strong presence in mass media until April via a 30-second spot that will air on popular shows running on conventional and specialty channels. A 15-second version of the ad will be projected in Cineplex Theatre across Canada. Billboards and transit shelter ads were also posted in major Canadian cities and Toronto's Union Station was taken over by the Masterbrand campaign with billboards and a "crying wall" in mid-January. Developed as the main destination for those looking for more information on the reasons why Canadian milk is worth crying over, qualitymilk.ca is now accessible and social media channels enriched with videos and posts fostering conversations around topics that are important to DFC and the dairy industry have been added to the mix. On the retail side, DFC's partnership with Agropur has allowed for the presence of the "Quality Milk" logo on Agropur's packaging—starting with the Natrel and Oka brands as well as on their truck fleet, since February.

Stay tuned for the second wave of the campaign scheduled for June.

Growing Forward 2 Programs provide Opportunities for your Operation

Adapted by Kerry Lowndes, PAg, South Sask River AEGP technician

From article by Sarah Sommerfeld, PAg, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

For many producers across the province, the 2016 growing season has posed many challenges. There is still much work left to do, but producers may also be focusing their attention to planning for the 2017 season. Plans may include development of a new water source, improving manure management or managing agriculture plastics. For these types of on-farm projects, producers can access cost-shared funding through the Growing Forward 2 framework of agriculture programs funded by the Federal and Provincial Governments. The Growing Forward 2 agriculture policy framework will be ending on March 31, 2018. With that date in mind, there are deadlines to be aware of with respect to the different funding programs available.

The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) provides cost-shared funding to help develop secure water sources. These water sources include dugouts, large or small diameter wells, and increasing irrigated acres. **FRWIP applications must be received by August 1, 2017. All claim forms for approved projects must be submitted by February 15, 2018.**

The Farm Stewardship Program (FSP) provides eligible producers with financial assistance to implement beneficial management practices (BMPs). When applying to the FSP, two types of program applications exist - pre-approval or rebate. Pre-approval applications require that projects must receive prior approval before any work starts. Rebate applications do not require pre-approval, and the program application can be submitted once the project is complete. **FSP pre-approval applications must be received by June 30, 2017. All claim forms for approved projects and all rebate applications must be received by January 31, 2018.**

For producers wanting to improve manure management, two BMPs exist. The *Manure Storage Enhancement BMP* and *Manure Application Equipment & Technologies BMP*. The FSP will cover 30 per cent of the eligible costs up to a maximum of $50,000 and $30,000 respectively for implementing these BMPs. Producers looking to recycle agricultural plastics can apply for the *Plastic Grain Bag Roller BMP*. Cost-shared funding is available to cover 50 per cent of the eligible costs up to a maximum of $5,000.

For further information on Growing Forward 2 programs or for technical assistance regarding a specific on-farm project, contact your local Regional Forage Specialist, or your Agri-Environmental Group Plan technician working within your watershed. In the South Saskatchewan River Watershed your technicians are Leah Tallis (306-291-7499) and Kerry Lowndes (306-460-4987). Info is also available from the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 or Program Design and Delivery Branch at 1-877-869-4008.

Horned Cattle

- by Chad MacPherson, General Manager, Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association

The Horned Cattle Purchases Act (HCPA) was introduced to Saskatchewan in 1939 to encourage cattle producers to dehorn animals in order to reduce injuries and bruising occurrences during transportation and marketing. The penalty was set in legislation at $1 per head and amended in 1949 to increase to $2 per head, where it stands today.

The Government of Saskatchewan introduced a bill during the spring session of the Legislature to repeal horned cattle legislation in Saskatchewan. The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) was directed to work with industry stakeholder groups to create new regulations within existing legislation to replace the HCPA with an industry-led and industry-administered solution if industry supports the retention of a horned cattle fee in some form. Earlier this summer the MoA presented industry stakeholder groups with four options to consider. Three options were for continuing the practice. A fourth option was allowing the repeal to be the end of horned cattle penalties in Saskatchewan.

The most practical option for the continued collection of a horned fee is to contract Livestock Services of Saskatchewan (LSS) to continue inspecting and collecting the fee as they currently do for the MoA. LSS has the legal authority through *The Animal Identification Act* and *The Animal Products Act* to enter into third party agreements to provide services such as the collection of the special horned cattle fee. LSS has expressed interest in continuing to provide the ongoing collection and administrative services of the proposed special assessment fee. Similar to the process of establishing a fee for brand inspection, LSS reviewed costs associated with the provision of service and determined that it needed to charge a fee of $50,850 in 2015/2016 for this service based on it taking 1.5% of brand inspector's time. LSS estimates an inflation increase of 1.5% for 2016/2017 if the current level of service was continued.

The removal of horns in beef cattle is done to prevent injuries of other animals or workers and to minimize carcass injuries or bruising due to horns. Preventing the need for horn removal through genetic selection is recommended in the *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle* with further requirements on how to actually dehorn/disbud when horns are present. Following the Code of Practice as it relates to animal welfare and safe livestock handling are considered important for maintaining the social license of the beef industry.

If horned cattle penalties are to continue it is proposed that the fee collected by LSS would be $10 per head. Of this amount, the cost of the physical inspection and collection is $3.44 (based upon an estimate of 15,000 animals), and education and awareness initiatives to be $100,000, or $6.67 per head, for a total of $10.11, which is then rounded down to the nearest dollar for ease of accounting. It is anticipated that the horned cattle numbers would decline over time, resulting in the inspection and collection costs taking an ever-increasing portion of the $10, necessitating decreased education and awareness activities (as will be appropriate if numbers are declining). When the number of animals declines to less than cost-recovery at the $10 per head, the necessity of the fee will be re-examined. The funds generated from this horned cattle levy that are surplus to the cost of collection will be managed by LSS.

Next Steps

If industry stakeholder groups are unable to reach a consensus on the development of a new industry-led and industry-administered solution to retain a horned cattle fee by March 31, 2017 the collection of the horned fee will be discontinued.

The Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and SaskMilk have been working collaboratively for the past two years to advocate for the retention of a horned fee in SK. **We would appreciate the support of all SaskMilk member's at the upcoming Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA) AGM on January 25th in Regina during the Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference.** During the afternoon resolution session the SCA will be discussing and debating a resolution to determine their position on the future of a horned fee in SK.

REMINDER

DAIRY INFO DAY

JANUARY 26, 2017

BRIAN KING CENTRE, WARMAN

TO HELP WITH MEAL NUMBERS PLEASE RSVP BY

JANUARY 20, 2017: email info@saskmilk.ca or call 306-949-6999

Sixth Annual Dairy Info Day

9:00 Registration and Coffee
9:30 Welcome and opening comments by Mel Foth, Chair of the Board, SaskMilk and Andrew Van Kessel, Head Animal and Poultry Science

Dairy Advisory Board and Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility
9:40 Report from Dairy Advisory Board - Jack Ford
9:45 Report on Rayner operations – Morgan Hobin

Ergot and Fusarium
9:55 Trends in fusarium and ergot presence in feed grains and practical implications – Barry Blakley
10:25 Update on toxicity of ergot and fusarium for animals and humans – Natacha Hogan

Calf Management
10:45 Gut development in the calf – pre- weaning vs post weaning - Michael Steele
11:15 Management of heifers for growth and reproduction – Greg Penner
11:45 Use of automated calf feeders – Michael Steele

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch provided by SaskMilk

Implications of Carbon Tax?
1:00 Carbon credits - Tristan Skolrud, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Short Topics in Health, Reproduction, Welfare and Feeding Management
1:20 New concept in treatment of mastitis infections in dairy cattle - Meena Sakharkar
1:35 Long term lactation length trial at Rayner – Greg Penner
1:55 Calf disease protocols: diarrhea and vaccination – Chris Luby
2:10 Synchronizing heifers- Dinesh Dadharwal
2:25 Problems with low milk butterfat test – Tim Mutsvangwa

2:40 **General Discussion and Questions**
2:55 **Closing comments** - Jack Ford

COMPONENT AND QUALITY TESTING

Effective April 1, 2017 we will no longer be faxing out component and quality test results to producers who do not have internet access.

If you will be affected by this, please contact:

Deb Haupstein 306-721-9486 to discuss.

TRACEABILITY - NLID TAGS

For farms that currently use herd management tags and want to switch over to using NLID tags here is some important information:

You can order tags by:

1. Online through your HAC web account
2. Calling NLID at 1-877-771-6543
3. Print and complete the NLID Order form and mail/fax back to:
    - NLID
    - Box 2065
    - Brantford, Ontario
    - N3T 5W5
    - Fax: 519-756-3502

You do not need to be a Holstein Canada member in order to order tags but you will need to set up an account. There are a variety of tag options to choose from. Talk to the customer service representative to determine the tag that will best suit your farm.
Remember that effective Sept 2017 it will be a requirement that heifer calves are tagged using NLID tags.
If you have questions or require further information contact Deb Haupstein at:
deb.haupstein@saskmilk.ca 306-721-9486

WANTED: HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES AND STEERS

CONSISTENT TWICE A WEEK BABY CALF PICK-UP WITH PROMPT PAYMENT
COMPETITIVE PRICES
WE ALSO BUY AND PICK UP CULL COWS
LICENSED AND BONDED CATTLE BUYER
William Klok 403 894 9587

Agriculture Literacy March 1st – 31st, 2017

Do cows sleep inside?
What do pigs eat?
How many kernels of wheat are in a loaf of bread?

Kids today have questions about farming – help us answer them!

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month is an initiative of Agriculture in the Classroom Canada to raise student awareness about Canadian agriculture by providing positive and realistic messages from the industry and producers.

Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan (AITC-SK) helps students **learn** about, **connect** with, and **understand** agriculture. We invite anyone involved in agriculture to participate in Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month. Volunteers are needed to spend 45 minutes in a grade 3-5 classroom to share your passion and personal agriculture story.

Last year, over 4000 students learned more about agriculture by participating in Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month – help us reach even more students this year!

Register to visit a classroom today at www.aitc.sk.ca or contact Gabrielle Edwards at gedwards@aitc.sk.ca for more information.

2017 CALM is Proudly Sponsored by:

Farm Credit Canada

Agriculture in the Classroom
Connecting Kids and Agriculture

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month

Stay warm!

Who is Saskatchewan's Outstanding Young Farmer for 2017?

Here's your chance to recognize someone with the title of the 2017 Saskatchewan Outstanding Young Farmer. This award will be presented at Canada's Farm Progress Show on June 22, 2017 in Regina, SK.

We are seeking people who contribute to the community, who seek new opportunities, and who generally are assets to Saskatchewan's agri-food industry.

Anyone can nominate a young farmer/farm couple/farm partnership for the award. The eligibility requirements are simply:

- Must not have reached the age of 40 by January 1, 2017
- Must operate a farm with an ownership stake
- Make the majority of the farm management decisions
- Must derive a minimum of 2/3 of their income from farming

The process is simple.

1. Nominations are submitted by Feb. 15, 2017
2. Nominees are contacted and complete an application form. Application forms are due by March 31, 2017.
3. A preliminary judging committee may be needed depending on the number of applications. Their decision is based upon items such as the nominees progress in their agricultural career; adoption of soil, water, and energy conservation practices; financial and management practices and contribution to the well-being of the community, province, and nation.
4. The top candidates then participate in an interview and presentation process at the regional event to be held in Regina on June 21st and 22nd. The winner will be announced at a luncheon on June 22nd.
5. The provincial winner will then compete in the National competition which is designed to recognize young farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession. The National competition for 2017 will be held in Penticton, BC in November.

If you know an outstanding young farmer, please nominate them by completing the application form (next page).

More information about OYF can be found on our website www.saskoyf.ca

If you have questions about the nomination process,
please contact Elaine Pruim at elainepruim@live.com or (306) 239-4263.

Who should I call?

Who at the SaskMilk office should producers call? Here's a handy guide!

For…	*Call…*	*At…*
➢ Sponsorship Requests ➢ Donation Requests ➢ Dairyanna's Costume and Events	Anita Medl	306-721-9483
➢ School Milk Program ➢ Nutrition Resource Ordering	Bev Eckert	306-721-9490
➢ Quota Exchange and Private Quota Transfers ➢ Transfer Credits ➢ Security Applications ➢ Estimates for production ➢ Name Changes ➢ Designation of Signing Authority ➢ Monthly production numbers for producers ➢ Producer information for lending institutions ➢ Passwords for quota management sheet access	Bev Solie	306-721-9488
➢ Dairy Conference	Darlene Weighill	306-721-9491
➢ On Farm- licensing, facilities, equipment, driveways, yards, animal care ➢ Lab testing results ➢ Bulk truck drivers- licensing, complaints/issues ➢ Bulk tank calibrations ➢ Pro Action- Food Safety (CQM), Animal Care, Traceability, Biosecurity, Environment	Deb Haupstein	306-721-9486
➢ Producer statements ➢ Banking info for direct deposit of milk pay ➢ Milk pick-up issues –variances in volumes, planning to quit shipping, etc.	Dianne Cardinal	306-721-9489
➢ Monthly milk prices paid to producers ➢ Provincial & National production updates	Doug Miller	306-721-9485
➢ Adding, editing information on Producer Transfer Credit List ➢ Newsletter advertising ➢ Updating email/fax information for producer notices/send outs	Jenn Buehler	306-721-9492
➢ Media or news stories *or* if you have been contacted by any media agency or reporter ➢ Social media enquiries (twitter etc.) ➢ Trade agreements, international trade updates ➢ DEAP policy/program enquiries ➢ Website enquiries	Joy Smith	306-721-9482

QUOTA EXCHANGE

The market-clearing price established for the January 2017 Quota Exchange was **$32,000.00**

The next Quota Exchange will be held on **February 15, 2017**. All offers to sell and bids to purchase quota through the Quota Exchange must be received at the SaskMilk office by midnight, **February 6, 2017**. SaskMilk recommends that offers and bids be submitted well in advance of the deadline date to ensure adequate time for corrections, if necessary.

When making bids on the Quota Exchange, the price on offers to sell quota is the minimum price that the producer is prepared to accept for that quota. Only if the market-clearing price is equal to or greater than the producer's minimum price will that producer qualify for participation in the Exchange. Conversely, the price on offers to purchase quota is the maximum price that the producer is prepared to pay for that quota. Only if the market-clearing price is equal to or less than the producer's maximum price will that producer qualify for participation in the Exchange. The clearing price is set at the price where the smallest difference exists between the accumulated volume offered for sale and the accumulated volume bid to purchase. The results of the Quota Exchange are outlined in the following Table.

JANUARY 2017 QUOTA EXCHANGE RESULTS SUMMARY

Market Clearing Price per kilogram of butterfat	**$ 32,000.00**
Daily Kilograms offered to Purchase	**64.00**
Kilograms offered to Sell	**24.76**
Kilograms sold	**10.00**
Number of Producers	
- offered to purchase	**4**
- purchased quota	**1**
- offered to sell	**5**
- sold quota	**4**

JANUARY 2017 QUOTA EXCHANGE CLEARING PRICE RESULTS

Price ($/daily kg b.f.)	No. of Sellers	Cumulative Sellers	Daily Kgs b.f. offered for sale	Cumulative sales	Cumulative Sales less Cumulative purchases	Cumulative purchases	Daily Kgs b.f. offered to purchase	Cumulative bidders	No. of buyers
$27,800.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	-64.00	64.00	20.00	4	1
$28,700.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	-44.00	44.00	20.00	3	1
$30,000.00	1	1	6.00	6.00	-18.00	24.00	0.00	2	0
$30,500.00	1	2	5.00	11.00	-13.00	24.00	14.00	2	1
$32,000.00	**2**	**4**	**12.00**	**23.00**	**13.00**	**10.00**	**0.00**	**1**	**0**
$32,300.00	0	4	0.00	23.00	13.00	10.00	10.00	1	1
$32,500.00	1	5	1.76	24.76	24.76	0.00	0.00	0	0

*** Please contact Bev Solie at 306-949-6999 for inquiries dealing with quota management sheets, the Quota Exchange, for transfer credits, or with any other quota transactions.**

TRANSFER CREDIT SUMMARY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER IN	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL KGS BUTTERFAT
December	19	21	26,281
January, 2016	15	12	24,251
February	21	22	16,504
March	13	11	9,444
April	21	19	21,711
May	16	12	12,695
June	13	11	16,170
July	23	18	19,214
August	19	17	17,923
September	21	21	26,026
October	20	20	29,340
November	21	20	20,858
December	18	21	25,158

PRIVATE TRANSFERS PROCESSED

MONTH	DAILY KILOGRAMS
Jan-2016	0.00
Feb	1.4
Mar	71.91
Apr	83.55
May	183.00
Jun	123.34
Jul	63.56
Aug	10.00
Sept	62.9
Oct	4.00
Nov	254.46
Dec	1800

OVER QUOTA (OVER 5 DAYS) REPORT BY MONTH

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	KGS BUTTERFAT
December	15	2,926
January, 2016	13	5,187
February	15	4,786
March	26	5,829
April	21	3,877
May	16	3,183
June	13	1,559
July	11	604
August	5	556
September	2	185
October	2	150
November	2	267
December	6	937

SUMMARY REPORT OF CREDITS December, 2016 – 161 PRODUCERS

DAYS	# OF PRODUCERS	POSITIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
+ 5	6	3,356
0 to + 5	36	15,782
TOTAL	42	19,138
DAYS	**# OF PRODUCERS**	**NEGATIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)**
-15	2	-3,266
-10 to -15	21	-48,152
-5 to -10	46	-58,946
0 to -5	50	-20,210
TOTAL	119	-130,574

LOST OPPORTUNITY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	LOST OPPORTUNITY (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
December 2016	2	253
November 2016	2	911
October 2016	4	1,049
September 2016	4	1,656
August 2016	2	856
July 2016	6	1,676
June 2016	6	2,072
May 2016	6	2,349
April 2016	2	625
March 2016	6	3,240
February 2016	5	2,995
January 2016	10	5,285
December 2015	11	3,732

WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMPONENT TESTS & PRICES December, 2016

Components	Average Test	Price per kilogram Class 1 to 5
Butterfat	4.1238	11.846325
Protein	3.3977	8.846324
Other Solids	5.7110	1.315781

Based on the average component tests for the province, the average price received was **$86.4236** per hectolitre. **The average butterfat price received per kilogram was $20.94**

SASKATCHEWAN MILK POOL RESULTS December 2016

Milk Sale Revenue	$ 17,429,125.60
Western Milk Pool	$ 1,481,068.38
Plant of Last Resort Service	$ (57,714.27)
Total Pool Value	**$ 18,852,479.71**

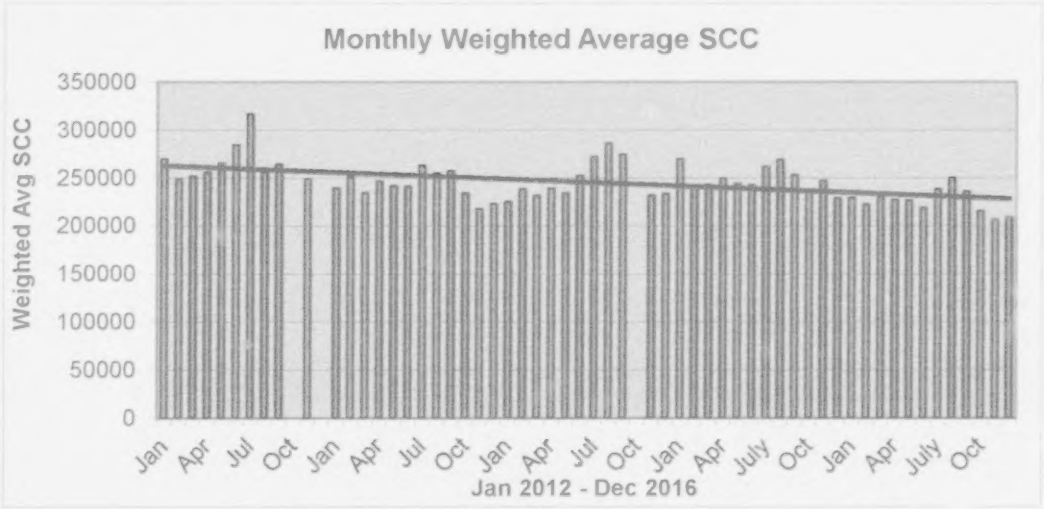
In December, Saskatchewan had a monthly CDC allocation of **960,682 kilograms** of butterfat. In the month of December, Saskatchewan production was **-60,927** of butterfat **under** and cumulatively **under** by **-375,631 kilograms** of butterfat. On a percentage basis, Saskatchewan is **-3.60%*** below our CDC allocation flexibility limits based on the Continuous Quota model. The -1.50% lower flexibility limit is in effect.

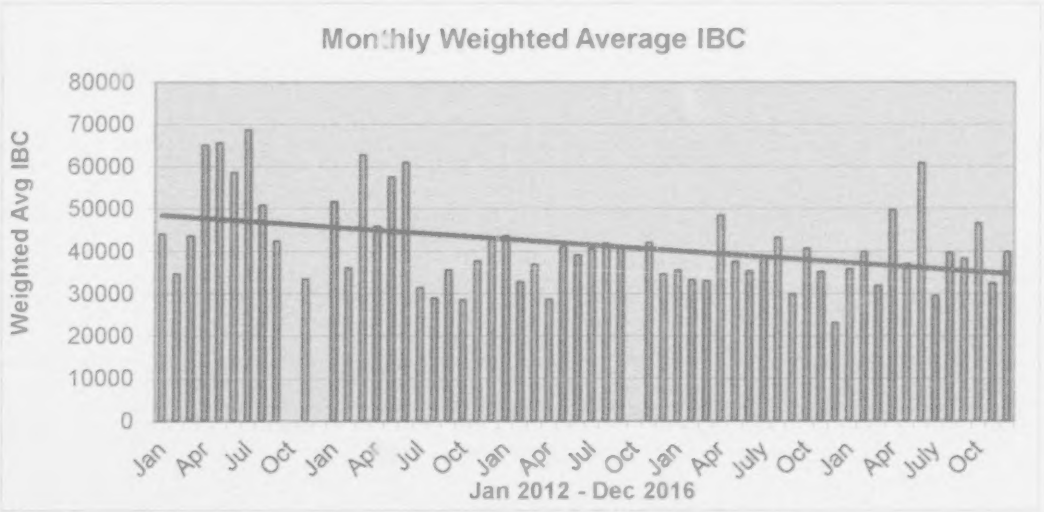
	(1) Monthly Total Production Kgs bf	(2) Total Monthly CDC Quota Allocation Kgs bf	(3) Monthly Over or (Under) Production Kgs bf col. 1 – 2 = 3	(4) Lower Flexibility Limit **(1.5%)** Kgs bf col. 9 * -1.5%	(5) Upper Flexibility Limit **1.0%** Kgs bf col. 9 *1.0%	(6) Cumulative Over or (Under) Production with limits Kgs bf	(7) Cumulative Over or (Under) Production with limits in - % col. 6 / 9	(8) Over Quota or (Lost Production Opportunity) Kgs bf	(9) Rolling 12 Month Total Quota Kgs bf
Dec-15[1]	864,380	962,297	(97,917)	(147,083)	49,028	**(142,067)**	**-1.45%**	0	9,805,509
Jan-16	872,836	873,832	(996)	(148,058)	49,353	**(143,063)**	**-1.45%**	0	9,870,562
Feb-16	811,774	805,091	6,683	(148,960)	49,653	**(136,490)**	**-1.37%**	0	9,930,653
Mar-16	872,863	851,885	20,978	(149,485)	49,828	**(115,512)**	**-1.16%**	0	9,965,640
Apr-16	841,272	817,247	24,025	(149,712)	49,904	**(91,487)**	**-0.92%**	0	9,980,799
May-16	860,608	850,625	9,983	(150,289)	50,096	**(81,504)**	**-0.81%**	0	10,019,240
Jun-16	826,609	849,222	(22,613)	(151,158)	50,386	**(104,116)**	**-1.03%**	0	10,077,201
Jul-16	845,806	868,218	(22,412)	(152,058)	50,686	**(126,591)**	**-1.25%**	0	10,137,192
Aug-16	825,798	882,075	(56,277)	(204,229)	51,057	**(153,172)**	**-1.79%***	0	10,211,472
Sept-16	827,969	873,806	(45,837)	(308,055)	51,343	**(228,896)**	**-2.23%***	0	10,268,507
Oct-16	868,097	921,301	(53,204)	(414,923)	51,865	**(282,099)**	**-2.72%***	0	10,373,069
Nov-16	857,053	889,657	(32,604)	(417,825)	52,228	**(314,704)**	**-3.01%***	0	10,445,620
Dec-16	899,755	960,682	(60,927)	(417,756)	52,219	**(375,631)**	**-3.60%***	0	10,443,894

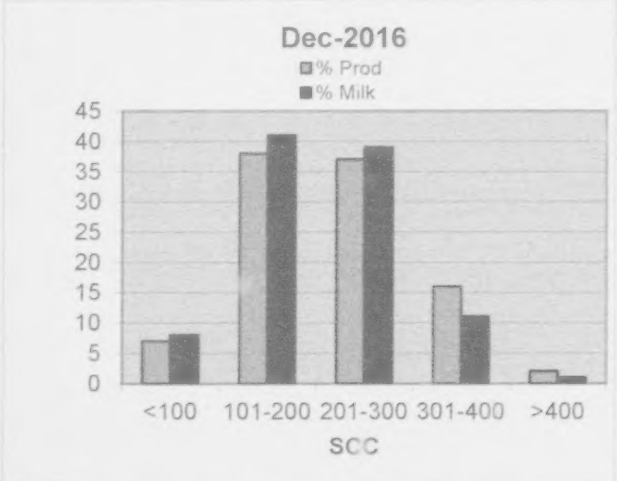
(1) Monthly Production in Saskatchewan
(2) Total Monthly Quota = Class 1 sales + Monthly MSQ + Carry Forward
(3) Difference between the monthly production (1) and the total monthly quota (2)
(4) The Lower Flexibility Limit is -1.5% of Rolling 12 Month Total Quota (9)
(5) The Upper Flexibility Limit is 1.0% of Rolling 12 Month Total Quota (9)
(6) Previous Month Cumulative Over or (Under) Production + Current Monthly Over or (Under) Production (capped at lower or upper limit if applicable)
(7) Equal to Column (6) expressed as a percentage basis within the flexibility limits
(8) Over Quota or (Lost production opportunity) outside of flexibility limits
(9) Total Monthly CDC Quota Allocation for the previous 12 months

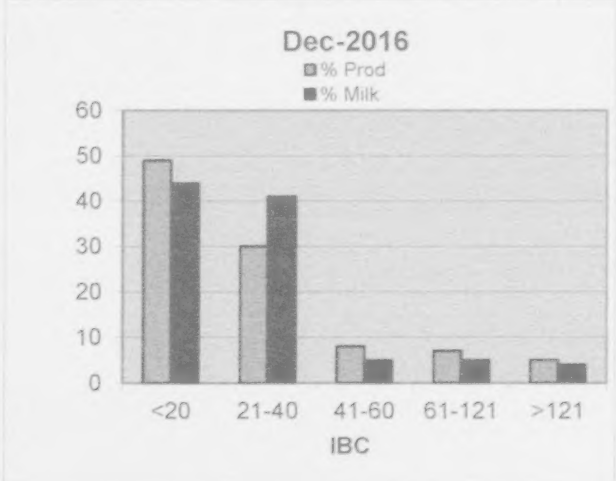
[1] At the CMSMC meeting a temporary 3% Growth Allowance has been added as of Dec 2015.
*SK is below -1.50% and will not be assessed a penalty. The CMSMC motion July, 28, 2016, has waived any pool level penalties until July 2017.

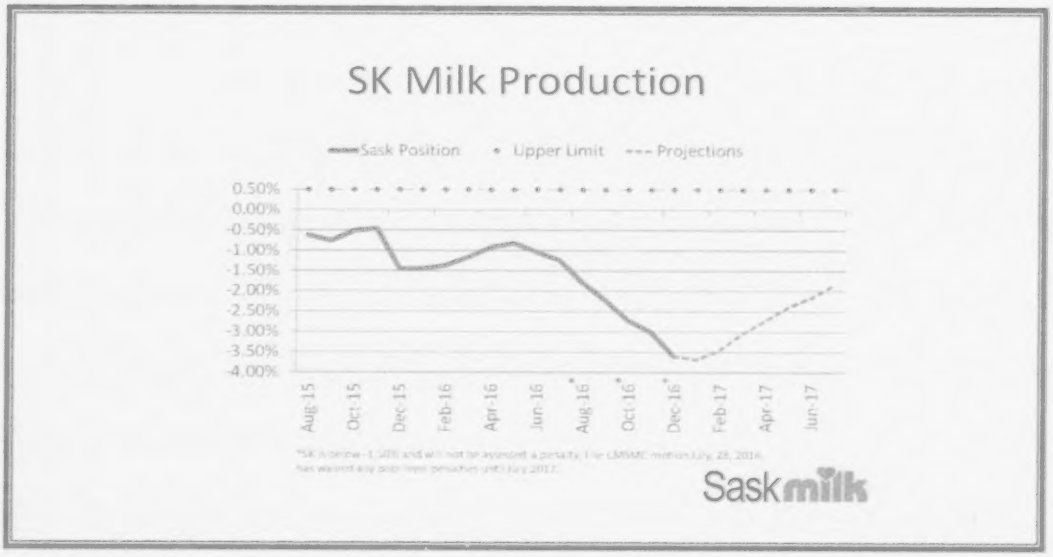
PROVINCIAL WEIGHTED AVERAGES











INHIBITOR TEST STATIONS

SaskMilk has established a number of inhibitor test stations around the province. Producers needing to check their bulk tanks for inhibitors can take a sample to the test station closest to their location.

Charm test strips are available to test for:
Beta-Lactams- the Charm 3 SL3 Beta Lactam test strip tests for amoxicillin, ampicillin, ceftiofur, cephapirin, cloxacillin, and penicillin G

Tetracyclines- the Charm Tetracycline test strip tests for chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and tetracycline.

Sulfas- the Charm Sulfa test strip tests for sulfacetamide, sulfachlorpyridazine, sulfadiazine, sulfadimethoxine, sulfadoxine, sulfamethoxypyridazine, sulfamerazine, sulfamethazine, sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethoxypyridazine, sulfapyridine, sulfaquinoxaline, sulfathiazole, and sulfisoxazole.

Test stations are located at the following locations:

1. Swift Current, SK - Agrifoods truck bay - 675 Cheadle Street West
   Office 306-773-1097 or Rodger Ruf 306-741-3261
2. Harris, SK - Cairnside Farm – Wes Cairns 306-656-4807
3. Star City, SK - Star City Colony - Reuben Tschetter 306-921-9381
4. Grenfell, SK - Jim Ross 306-697-2232
5. Yorkton, SK - Ford Dairy Farms Inc. - Bud and Margaret Ford 306-782-7240
6. Saskatoon, SK – Agrifoods Truck Bay - east of the Saputo plant receiving bay
   lead hand - Jim or Clint 306-664-0202 after hours: 306-668-8135

Charm tests strips and Charm testers are now available for purchase through SaskMilk. Agrifoods is now carrying SNAP test kits for tetracyclines as well as beta lactams.

For further information you can contact: Deb Haupstein 306-721-9486

Code of Practice

4.10 Udder Hair Removal

Long udder hairs trap and accumulate dirt and manure. This increases difficulty, time and labor for sanitizing teats and prepping for milking. The risk of off-flavor milk is greater in herds that do not clip udders (72). Excessive hair affects the cleaning ability of automated (robotic) milkers. Clipping udders has not been found to increase the incidence of intramammary infections, reduce total milk bacterial counts, or counts of environmental organisms (75).

Producers use electric clippers to remove hair from udders; however, clipping is time consuming and hazardous. An alternative is flame-clipping or singeing. The technique uses a cool flame and quick pass under the udder to singe the hair off. Improper use of equipment or technique may burn teat ends.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

a. remove hair from udders on a regular schedule
b. use clippers with sharp blades or flame-clip with a cool flame
c. ensure animals are properly restrained
d. train workers or employ competent individuals for the task.

Reminder!

The deadline date for Quota Transfer, Quota Exchange, Lease Applications, and 10% Transfer Limit Exemptions is the 6th of each month

Your Quota Transfer, Lease, and 10% Exemption Applications must be received on or before the 6th of the month in order to be effective the 1st of the following month

Quota Exchange forms must be received in the SaskMilk office on or before the 6th of the month for that month's Exchange
If you have any questions please contact Bev Solie at #306-721-9488

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